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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3617**

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. 09/775,425 Examiner: R. Stormer
Inventor: Chase et al. Group Art Unit: 3617
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Title: Vehicle Wheel and Overlay Assembly

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Office

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Final Office Action of August 21, 2001, Paper No. 6, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Enclosed is a substitute specification that contains the application as originally filed and previously requested amendments as well as amendments that are necessitated as a result of the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(4). It is respectfully requested that the substitute specification be used for examination purposes of the subject application. No new matter is presented as prohibited by 35 U.S.C. §132 and an appropriate Declaration of the undersigned is attached thereto.

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overlay substantially covers said flange lip of said wheel so as to give a visible impression that said outboard surface of said overlay is actually said outboard surface of said wheel and not a separately attached component of said wheel and overlay assembly.

In the Drawings

Pending approval of the Examiner et al., Applicants' attorney would like to amend the drawings in the above-identified application as follows:

As required by the Examiner, please add Figures 10A and 10B to illustrate the margin that is explicitly disclosed throughout the specification, e.g., page 19, lines 8-24, and page 20, lines 1-16 and page 22, lines 13-15.

Figure 5, kindly add the numeral 20, and amend numerals 10, 30, 37, 38, 38a, and 50 to now read 110, 130, 137, 138, 138a, and 150, respectively.

Figure 6, kindly add numeral 210, and amend numerals 30, 37, 38, 38a, 50, 55, 58, and 58a to now read 130, 137, 138, 138a, 250, 255, 258, and 258a, respectively.

Figure 7, kindly add numerals 20 and 310, and amend numerals 30, 31, 37, 38a, 38c, 50, 58, and 58a to now read 330, 331, 337, 338a, 338e, 350, 358, and 358a, respectively.

Figure 8, kindly change reference numeral 382 to 438Z, add numerals 410 and 431, and amend numerals 30, 37, 38X, 38Y, 50, 57, 58, and 58a to now read 430, 437, 438X, 438Y, 450, 457, and 458a, respectively.

Figure 8A, kindly change reference numeral 382 to 538Z, add numeral 510, and amend numerals 30, 38a, 38x, 50, 57, 58, and 58a to now read 530, 538a, 538x,